

Leicester, Dec. 28. 1863.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

180 If you see Mrs. Stanton (as you doubtless will) pray comfort her all you can about the new Petition. I judge by her letter in last Standard that she is feeling a good deal troubled about it. I thought it very likely that such would be the case, and a week ago I asked Pillsbury how Susan Anthony felt about it. He said he believed she was entirely in favor of the new Petition. — Since seeing Mrs. Stanton's letter, I have written to Susan about it. Now it seems to me

that the Petitions do not interfere at all with each other, & that ^{there} need be no clashing, but contrariwise a mutual helpfulness. I think the Women's Petition asks for what this Congress will be more likely to act favorably upon, than it will on new Petition. Nevertheless the amendt. to the Constitution which ours asks, (& the Women's does not) is vital & indispensable, & must be had at some time; and the agitation for it cannot be begun too soon. — I hope Mrs. Stanton will see it in that light.

I expect to be in Boston Wednesday noon; — and hope to go to Plymouth, but in your company & Phillips' 6th. The advertisement, I think, should go in Wed. Morning's paper. I send a few slips from newspaper.

Sincerely Yrs. S. M. Jr.

